

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

ELSA GULINO, MAYLING RALPH, PETER WILDS,
and NIA GREENE, on behalf of themselves and all others
similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

- against -

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK,

Defendant:

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WHEREAS, the Court certified a remedy-phase class of Plaintiffs (*See Gulino v. Bd. of Educ. of the City Sch. Dist. of the City of N.Y.*, Opinion and Order, No. 96-cv-8414, [ECF No. 386]), and Maria Cruz-Gonzalez is a member of that class:

WHEREAS, the Court appointed a Special Master (*See* May 20, 2014 Order of Appointment, [ECF No. 435]; November 12, 2014 Second Amended Order of Appointment, [ECF No. 524]) to hear, among other things, demands for damages;

WHEREAS, the Special Master held hearings on November 26, 2019, February 2, 2023, and February 22, 2024, with respect to Maria Cruz-Gonzalez's demand for damages and Defendant's objections, [ECF Nos. 4645, 10501, 11286];

WHEREAS, the Special Master made, and the Court adopted, Classwide Conclusions of Law, [ECF Nos. 999, 1008];

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of New York (“BOE”) and Plaintiffs entered into, and the Court so ordered, a Stipulation of Classwide Facts & Procedures, [ECF No. 1009];

WHEREAS, the BOE and Plaintiffs entered into, and the Court so ordered, an Eighth Supplemental Stipulation Concerning Admissibility of Exhibits, which attached an Eighth Supplemental Index of Exhibits (collectively referred to as the “Classwide Exhibits”) filed with the Court, [ECF No. 11288];

WHEREAS, the Special Master made, and the Court adopted, Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law for Maria Cruz-Gonzalez with respect to their entitlement to the reimbursement of the fees they paid to take the Liberal Arts and Sciences Test (“LAST”), and the Court entered a judgment awarding their LAST fees [ECF Nos. 5118-2, 5199];

WHEREAS, the Special Master made Supplemental Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law for Maria Cruz-Gonzalez with respect to their entitlement to additional damages, which the Plaintiffs and the BOE agree to, annexed hereto as Exhibit 1, that the Special Master recommends the Court adopt;

WHEREAS, the Special Master recommended, and the parties agreed with the Special Master's recommendation, that the Court certify this supplemental judgment as final pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 54(b); and

WHEREAS, Plaintiffs and BOE have agreed not to appeal this supplemental judgment for Maria Cruz-Gonzalez.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the annexed Supplemental Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law for Maria Cruz-Gonzalez (Exhibit 1) is adopted;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Maria Cruz-Gonzalez will have judgment against the BOE in the amount of \$577,404, consisting of:

1. Backpay in the amount of \$417,485;
2. Tax-component award in the amount of \$49,055;
3. ASAF account award in the amount of \$2,633;
4. CAR Award in the amount of \$1,884;
5. Pre-judgment interest calculated to be \$106,347; and
6. Pension-related relief pursuant to the terms of the Court's Order dated December 17, 2018 (Pension Stipulation & Order, [ECF No. 1014]).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Maria Cruz-Gonzalez will be entitled to the following non-monetary relief:

1. The BOE is ordered to amend its internal service, salary, payroll, and human resources systems as follows:
 - a. Incorporate the "Pension Inputs" detailed in Paragraph 3(c) of Exhibit 1;
 - b. Incorporate Maria Cruz-Gonzalez's counterfactual monthly service history, as listed on Exhibit B to the Supplemental Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law for Maria Cruz-Gonzalez; and
 - c. Grant Maria Cruz-Gonzalez retroactive seniority based on their counterfactual monthly service history, as described in Paragraph 3 of Exhibit 1.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the Court adopts the Special Master's recommendation that this judgment be certified as final pursuant to Federal Rule of

Civil Procedure 54(b) and expressly determines that there is no just reason for delay for the reasons stated in the Special Master's Report and Recommendation.

This Judgment Entry is certified and entered by the Court pursuant to Rule 54(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

Dated: 01/23/2025

ENTERED

Lincoln M. Ward